1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 7 VERITAS OPERATING CORPORATION, a 8 Delaware corporation, CASE NO. C06-0703-JCC 9 Plaintiff, **ORDER** 10 v. 11 MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington corporation, 12 Defendant. 13 14 MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington corporation, 15 Counterclaim Plaintiff, 16 v. 17 VERITAS OPERATING CORPORATION, a 18 Delaware corporation, and VERITAS SOFTWARE CORPORATION, a Delaware 19 corporation, 20 Counterclaim Defendants. 21 22 This matter comes before the Court for review of the Special Master's Report and 23 Recommendation on Microsoft Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent 24 No. 5,469,573 Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 (Dkt. No. 395). The Court has reviewed de novo the 25 Special Master's Report and Recommendation ("573 Invalidity R&R"), the parties' respective objections 26 ORDER - 1

and responses thereto (Dkt. Nos. 402, 412), the briefing and exhibits presented to the Special Master in the first instance, and all other relevant documents in the case file. The Court has determined that oral argument is not necessary.

The Court hereby APPROVES and ADOPTS the Special Master's '573 Invalidity R&R in its entirety. Accordingly, the Court hereby GRANTS Microsoft's Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,573 Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 (Dkt. No. 205).

SO ORDERED this 20th day of February, 2008.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE